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Yoshihiro Hirano, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
LIGNEOUS MATERIAL

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2002, please amend the
above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 6 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(i) as set forth in the
"clean" version set forth below. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with
markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached
hereto as Appendix A.